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INS study of spin stripe fluctuations in antiferromagnetic $\text{Pr}_{2-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{NiO}_{4+\delta}$

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Spin and charge stripe correlations and their dynamics have been well explored in the ordered state of La-based 214-nickelates for last 3 decades. Recently, we have also explored magnetic excitations in the ordered spin-stipes phases of hole-doped Pr-based nickelates $\text{Pr}_{2-x}\text{NiSrO}_{4+\delta}$ [1-3]. In this regards, what remains less explored is the fluctuating state of the spin stripes from which the long-range spin stripes develop on cooling. In this talk, we present our recent inelastic neutron scattering study of the low energy spin stripe fluctuations in $\text{Pr}_{2-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{NiO}_{4+\delta}$ with magnetic incommensurability $\epsilon = 0.33$ above the spin stripe ordering temperature $T_{so} = 190$ K [4]. The spin stripe fluctuations measured at the incommensurate wave vector show a non-dispersive character with no detectable anisotropy persisting up to a maximum energy 10 meV, and strongly suppressed already below the charge stripe ordering temperature $T_{co} = 255$ K. Our results clearly indicate that the presence of static charge stripe order is essential for the spin stripe fluctuations in 214-type nickelates.

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